

# 2017-18 Vaccines for Children Influenza Vaccine

## 2017-18 VFC Influenza Vaccine:

- IIV4 Fluzone® Quadrivalent Sanofi Pasteur
- IIV4 Fluarix® Quadrivalent GlaxoSmithKline
- IIV4 FluLaval® Quadrivalent GlaxoSmithKline
- ccIIV4 Flucelvax® Quadrivalent Seqirus

## 2017-18 Flu Abbreviations for VFC Flu Vaccine:

- IIV4: Inactivated Influenza Vaccine, quadrivalent
- ccIIV4: Cell Cultured Inactivated Influenza Vaccine, quadrivalent

Document VFC flu vaccine on the vaccine administration record (VAR) & immunization card as: IIV4 or ccIIV4

**LAIV4 (FluMist) is not recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) for use during the 2017-18 influenza season in the United States and is not a VFC vaccine option.**

**Q:** Can we borrow Vaccines for Children (VFC) flu vaccine?

**A:** No. VFC flu vaccine should never be used on non-VFC eligible children.

**Q:** What do I do if my VFC flu vaccine has not arrived and I have a VFC-eligible child in my office?

**A:** In instances where there is a lack of VFC seasonal flu vaccine due to unexpected circumstances, such as a delayed shipment, a provider may use private-stock seasonal flu vaccine to vaccinate VFC-eligible children. Private stock doses used on VFC-eligible children can later be replaced when VFC stock becomes available. Replacement must be with the same product, including the same presentation. This one-directional borrowing exception is unique to seasonal flu vaccine and a requirement of CDC.

**Q:** What should I know about the one-directional borrowing of seasonal flu vaccine?

**A:** Accountability of VFC vaccine is an important part of managing your VFC inventory. The Michigan Care Improvement Registry (MCIR) has been programmed to help ensure that we account for every VFC vaccine dose. When you borrow private-stock flu vaccine for a VFC-eligible child you will need to document your actions in the Vaccine Inventory Management (VIM) system within MCIR.

VFC providers must:

- Maintain two separate inventories, one for VFC-eligible children and a second inventory for privately insured children. Both inventories must have adequate vaccine.
- Have a private stock inventory managed in VIM in order to accurately replace borrowed vaccine.
- Know how to correctly record the borrowed and replaced transactions in MCIR.
- In the MCIR comment section, document information detailing the borrowing situation, including when the borrowed vaccine was replaced.
- You should not borrow more private stock vaccine than what you have pre-booked through VFC.

**Q:** What do I need to remember when I borrow 2017-18 private-stock influenza vaccine?

**A:** Borrowed private-stock flu vaccine must be replaced as soon as VFC flu vaccine arrives and replacement must be with the same product, including same presentation. A VFC provider should:

- Review MCIR VFC vaccine order history and look for type pre-booked (pbk) to know what was ordered.
- Always know what flu vaccine you ordered and what is currently in your storage unit.
- Know that when you borrow private-stock flu vaccine you **MUST** replace with the same presentation; only borrow a presentation you have already ordered.
- You must replace borrowed vaccine dose for dose!

## Key Points to Remember:

- VFC seasonal flu vaccine may NOT be borrowed to vaccinate privately-insured children.
- MCIR is designed to record the borrowing of doses as they are administered based on eligibility.
- Utilize MCIR to help monitor your inventory and contact your local health department with any questions you may have regarding your VFC vaccine inventory.
- You must ensure that the vaccine given is accounted for properly.
- Borrowing private-stock flu vaccine should be a rare occurrence. If done, must be replaced with the same product, including the same presentation.
- Vaccinate until the flu vaccine expires and if you run out of VFC vaccine, contact your local health department to order additional doses.

For more information on the VFC program, refer to [www.michigan.gov/vfc](http://www.michigan.gov/vfc). For additional information about flu vaccination this season, refer to [www.michigan.gov/flu](http://www.michigan.gov/flu) or [www.cdc.gov/flu](http://www.cdc.gov/flu).